GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2005
TIGER RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to declare red-alert in the Tiger Reserves;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of Tiger Reserves in the country at present, State-wise;

(d) the main reasons for declining number of tigers in the Tiger Reserves; and

(e) the grants provided for the upkeep of these reserves during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Tiger Reserves were alerted to extensively search the forest areas in and around Tiger Reserves for steel traps, fire arms and other contraptions used for poaching wild animals. While emphasizing protection initiatives, it was directed to sensitize and involve local police in anti-poaching operations, apart from registration of fire arms, as required under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for ensuring the safety of wild animals.

(c) There are 28 Tiger Reserves in the country at present. The State-wise details are given at Annexure-I.

(d) It has been reported by the State (Rajasthan) that tigers have disappeared from Sariska Tiger Reserve, and their population has declined in Ranthambhore. By and large, there are no evidences to infer that the tiger numbers have declined in all the other Tiger Reserves of the country as well.

(e) The Central Assistance provided for upkeep of these reserves during the last three years is at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1 TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 25TH JULY, 2005 ON TIGER RESERVES.

NAME OF THE TIGER RESERVES IN TIGER RANGE STATES WITH YEAR OF CREATION AND AREA

Sl. No.	Year of creation	Name of Tiger Reserve	State	Total area (In Sq. Kms.)
1	1973-74	Bandipur	Karnataka	866
	1999-2000	Nagarhole-(extension)		643
2	1973-74	Corbett	Uttar Pradesh	1316
3	1973-74	Kanha	Madhya Pradesh	1945
4	1973-74	Manas	Assam	2840
5	1973-74	Melghat	Maharashtra	1677
6	1973-74	Palamau	Bihar	1026
7	1973-74	Ranthambhore	Rajasthan	1334
8	1973-74	Similipal	Orissa	2750
9	1973-74	Sunderbans	West Bengal	2585
10	1978-79	Periyar	Kerala	777
11	1978-79	Sariska	Rajasthan	866
12	1982-83	Buxa	West Bengal	759
13	1982-83	Indravati	Madhya Pradesh	2799
14	1982-83	Nagarjunsagar	Andhra Pradesh	3568
15	1982-83	Namdapha	Arunachal Pradesh	1985
16	1987-88	Dudhwa	Uttar Pradesh	811
	1999-2000	Katerniaghat-(extension)		551
17	1988-89	Kalakad-Mundanthurai	Tamil Nadu	800
18	1989-90	Valmiki	Bihar	840

19 1992-93 Pench Madhya Pradesh 758
20 1993-94 Tadoba-Andheri Maharashtra 620
21 1993-94 Bandhavgarh Madhya Pradesh 1162
22 1994-95 Panna Madhya Pradesh 542
23 1994-95 Dampha Mizoram 500
24 1998-99 Bhadra Karnataka 492
25 1998-99 Pench Maharashtra 257
26 1999-2000 Pakhui Arunachal Pradesh 862
27 1999-2000 Nameri Assam 344
28 1999-2000 Bori, Satpura, Panchmari Madhya Pradesh 1486

Total 37761

ANNEXURE- II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1 TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 25TH JULY, 2005 ON TIGER RESERVES.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE RELEASE OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE UNDER PROJECT TIGER DURING 2002-03 TO 2004-05

TIGER RESERVE -WISE RELEASE

S.No Name of Tiger Reserve

2002-03 2003-04 2004-05

1 Bandhavgarh 170.87 90.12 85.00
2 Bandipur 170.365 160.39 367.095
3 Bhadra 119.195 108.93 119.197
4 Buxa 30.00 52.45 50.75
5 Corbett 168.00 200.91 200.12
6 Dampa 98.32 67.56 94.34
7 Dudhwa 32.75 173.585 175.215
8 Indravati 32.48 80.25 27.75
9 Kalakad Mundanthurai 125.00 35.00 80.00
10 Kanha 232.37 282.86 197.50
11 Manas 50.70 50.00 -
12 Melghat 71.462 60.00 93.183
13 Nagarjunsagar 21.10 22.89 15.00
14 Namdapha 35.875 38.75 -
15 Nameri 15.00 25.00 -
16 Pakke - 30.00 35.00
17 Palamau 18.00 35.99 72.5005
18 Panna 287.50 563.53 60.00
19 Pench(MP) 47.80 68.97 97.43
20 Pench(Mah.) 104.108 97.19 87.77
21 Periyar 63.75 120.68 105.75
22 Ranthambore 225.92 14.245 -
23 Sariska 69.00 144.085 79.00
24 Satpura 47.90 97.92 170.00
25 Similipal 32.88 151.91 116.4395
26 Sunderban 138.33 172.72 274.74
27 Tadoba-Andheri 446.22 71.26 75.00
28 Valmiki 25.00 50.00 85.00

Total 2879.895 3067.2105 2763.78